

## Early Education Resources

### General Resources and Information

*Vermont Agency of Education* - Information pertaining to Vermont schools and supervisory unions.

<https://education.vermont.gov/news/covid-19-guidance-vermont-schools>

*Vermont Agency of Education* - Early Education – Information pertaining to early childhood, early childhood special education, and archived issues of the UPK Café.

<https://education.vermont.gov/student-support/early-education>

*Vermont Department of Health* - Daily COVID updates. If you scroll to the bottom, there is a link for schools, child care programs, and colleges.

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/infectious-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus>

*Building Bright Futures* - Information on COVID including general resources, basic needs, mental health, safety, health, childcare, early childhood community partners, and regional information.

<https://buildingbrightfutures.org/coronavirus/>

*Let's Grow Kids* - Includes information on staying healthy, staying informed, resources for early childhood educators, resources for families, resources for employers and what you can do.

<https://letsgrowkids.org/coronavirus?emci=53b8aa41-796f-ea11-a94c-00155d03b1e8&emdi=4b7b6d03-5070-ea11-a94c-00155d03b1e8&ceid=7890928>

*Department for Children and Families* - Information for child care programs, Children's Integrated Services Providers, and CDD grantees and contractors.

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/covid-19>

### Educational Resources for Educators and/or Families

*Teaching Strategies* – Classroom Connect – a toolkit for finding content, encouragement, information and tips that you can use to customize your support and extend learning at home.

[https://teachingstrategies.com/classroom-connect/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=marketo&utm\\_campaign=covid19+communications&utm\\_content=em4-btn&utm\\_term=access-plans&mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiWVRRNVkyVXpaRGcwTURobSIsInQiOiJSYTZlZG4rVUJOb09TYlFkVloxS3lManVZN1dwOFIHmMvMjZiSVNPenFwTEl1ckxJYUd6d2w2U014TnhSWDNkVTlXNkJNd1FSEh5SVpQM3MzaXpNdFp0ZURTS1JoQ0RyR1RLeUtGWGJadFBIS0ZUZzNYeTNFTEhFUFJXS1EwVyJ9](https://teachingstrategies.com/classroom-connect/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=marketo&utm_campaign=covid19+communications&utm_content=em4-btn&utm_term=access-plans&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWVRRNVkyVXpaRGcwTURobSIsInQiOiJSYTZlZG4rVUJOb09TYlFkVloxS3lManVZN1dwOFIHmMvMjZiSVNPenFwTEl1ckxJYUd6d2w2U014TnhSWDNkVTlXNkJNd1FSEh5SVpQM3MzaXpNdFp0ZURTS1JoQ0RyR1RLeUtGWGJadFBIS0ZUZzNYeTNFTEhFUFJXS1EwVyJ9)

*Teaching Strategies* – Development and learning games that can be shared with families. Teachers can access them and share them with the following link.

<https://teachingstrategies.force.com/portal/s/article/How-do-I-share-Development-and-Learning-activities-with-family-members>

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*Creative Curriculum* – Healthy at Home – A toolkit for supporting families who have been impacted by COVID-19 with information and resources for supporting the children in their care.  
<https://healthyathome.readyrosie.com/en/>

*Resources Within Reason* - Every other month a concise set of free resources on a key early childhood/early childhood special education topic is posted.  
[Resources Within Reason – Using Telepractice to Support Children and Families](#)

*Illinois Early Learning* - These selected resources provide ideas to help families use positive guidance strategies and provide stable routines for young children.  
[Learning at Home During Trying Times](#)

*Vermont Early Learning Standards* – Includes the guiding principles, history, standards, resources, and trainings.  
<https://vels.education.vermont.gov>

*Vermont Early Learning Standards* – A link to the VELs PDF document.  
<https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-early-education-early-learning-standards.pdf>

*World Health Organization* - To help parents interact constructively with their children during this time of confinement, these six one-page tips for parents cover planning one-on-one time, staying positive, creating a daily routine, managing stress and behavior, and talking about COVID-19.  
[Parenting in the time of COVID-19](#)

*PBS Kids* - Provides families with tips and activities for ages 2 to 8 by topic (examples: emotions and self-awareness, social skills, literacy, arts).  
<https://www.pbs.org/parents/learn-grow>

*Vermont PBS* - Vermont PBS has partnered with the Vermont Agency of Education to provide for continuity of learning for Vermont students and school communities during the COVID-19 outbreak, allowing Vermont teachers and students access to free educational resources via television broadcast throughout the duration of school closures.  
<https://www.vermontpbs.org/at-home-learning/#prek>

*National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations (NCPMI)* - This infographic provides suggestions and resources to help you take care of yourself so you can support your child during this unprecedented time.  
[Tips for Supporting Yourself During the Pandemic](#)

*National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)* - Your child probably asks a lot of questions. Do you try to answer them? This article provides some communication tips and examples of the types of things to say.  
[Guiding Children by Using Questions](#)

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*Erikson Institute: Early Math Collaborative* - From an early age, children notice and appreciate patterns in the world around them. Patterns and sequences of different kinds begin to pop up all over the place, especially in the books that children love.

[5 Books and Songs for Exploring Growing Patterns](#)

### **Links to Stories, Art, Music, Gross Motor and Other Stay at Home Activities!**

*Barefoot Books* – A small company that makes nicely illustrated picture books, often with accompanying CDs. Their site has animated videos of their books.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0maGUp7cdUn5uuLnjsk1NvV2u5Yg5LAV>

*Storyline* – Celebrated actors reading children’s books.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StorylineOnline>

*The Artful Parent* - 40 homemade art materials.

<https://artfulparent.com/40-homemade-art-materials-for-kids/>

*Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems* – Join one of our favorite preschool authors, Mo Willems (Elephant and Piggie books, Pigeon books) for a daily drawing lesson.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL14hRqd0PELGbKihHuTqx\\_pbvCLqGbOkF](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL14hRqd0PELGbKihHuTqx_pbvCLqGbOkF)

*At Home Activities* - A variety of activities to do at home (including crafts, building, puzzles, movement, and games).

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MHnOXIM1\\_7Z-Dh3CH--4HBWIsHKlyQL9ryXZvXqYv-M/edit?ts=5e721c55#slide=id.p](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MHnOXIM1_7Z-Dh3CH--4HBWIsHKlyQL9ryXZvXqYv-M/edit?ts=5e721c55#slide=id.p)

*The Artful Parent* - Ideas, information, and inspiration to encourage you to enjoy and share art with the kids in your life (whether in your home or your classroom).

<https://artfulparent.com/>

*Tinkergarten* – Outdoor and nature-based learning activities.

<https://tinkergarten.com/activities>

*Pre-k pages* – A variety gross motor, dance, and movement activities.

<https://www.pre-kpages.com/indoor-recess-games-and-activities-for-preschoolers/>

*National Geographic Kids* – Games, videos, animal studies, and exploration for children.

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com>